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SUBJ: BC GAS SUPPLIES TO US CUT

1. POWER FAILURES AND MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS CAUSED BY EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE RESULTED IN MASSIVE SHORTFALL OF BC GAS DELIVERIES TO US CONSUMERS IN WASHINGTON STATE. SHORTFALL REACHED 400 MCF BELOW CONTRACTED DEMAND JANUARY 9 AND HAS BEEN WELL OVER 200 MCF FOR PAST WEEK. BREAK IN WEATHER WILL OFFER SOME RELIEF BUT SERIOUS SHORTFALLS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER WEEK AT LEAST.

2. WIND CHILL FACTOR OF 95 BELOW ZERO FROZE TOTAL OF 14 WELLS THIS PAST WEEK. WELLS WERE OPERATING AT PEAK CAPACITY BRINGING UP GROUND WATER CAUSING FREEZUPS. BRIEF POWERFAILURE EARLIER IN WEEK SHUT DOWN GAS PROCESSING PLANT. EMERGENCY CREWS REPAIRING DAMAGE AND BREAK IN WEATHER WILL FACILITATE REPAIRS BUT SITUATION NOT EXPECTED TO EASE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

3. PRODUCERS CLAIM GAS BEING PUMPED TOO RAPIDLY FROM EXISTING WELLS BUT THAT NEW WELLS UNECONOMICAL UNDER TERMS OF FEDERAL RESOURCE TAXATION MEASURES.

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